

Mary Ann Franklin



Mary Ann Franklin is President and Chief Executive Officer of First American Bank.

Mrs. Franklin is a graduate of Brinkley High School. She received her undergraduate education at Fisk University and her Masters of Science degree in Finance from Florida International University. In 1998 she completed her Graduate Banking Studies at the University of Virginia.

She is the daughter of Mary Dell Thomas, a retired Jackson tailor and the proud mother of Jennifer, a Tulane University student and Christopher, a student at West Virginia State. She is married to Marvin Franklin, an executive with Anheuser Busch of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Franklin returned to Jackson 4 years ago after living in South Florida for 26 years. She began her career in banking more than twenty years ago and prior to joining First American Bank, she worked as Vice President of Economic Development and National Marketing for Citibank in Miami and New York. Citibank honored Mrs. Franklin as an African American Achiever and one of their top ranked Managers in South Florida. She is actively involved with numerous local and national boards, committees and councils, all of which work to improve the economic and social well being of the residents of Mississippi. Governor Ronnie Musgrove nominated her to serve as a member of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television and Chairman of the EDNET Board.

She serves as a national representative of the United States Small Business Administration Advisory Council and has been invited to serve as a regional representative of the Southeast Advisory Council for the FannieMae Corporation. She has supported the Jackson community by serving as a member of the board for the Arts Alliance, Jackson Metro Housing Authority, Zoo Steering Committee, Urban League, United Way and the YMCA. She is also a member of the Jackson Chapter of Links, Mississippi Women's Forum, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Mrs. Franklin was recognized in 1999 as one of Mississippi's leading 50 women.

Mrs. Franklin and her team at First American Bank are working to help "Build Dreams and Build Mississippi". New products and services have been added including recently certified by the United States Department of the Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). First American Bank was the first bank in Mississippi to offer the Electronic Transfer Account (ETA) to residents receiving governmental benefits assistance. The mission of First American Bank is to serve the underserved communities in the Metro Jackson Area and to become a stable, financially sound community bank, providing competitive products and services with integrity and personal care.